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REIR Scoping Comments
Culver Bl., Ballona Wetlands,
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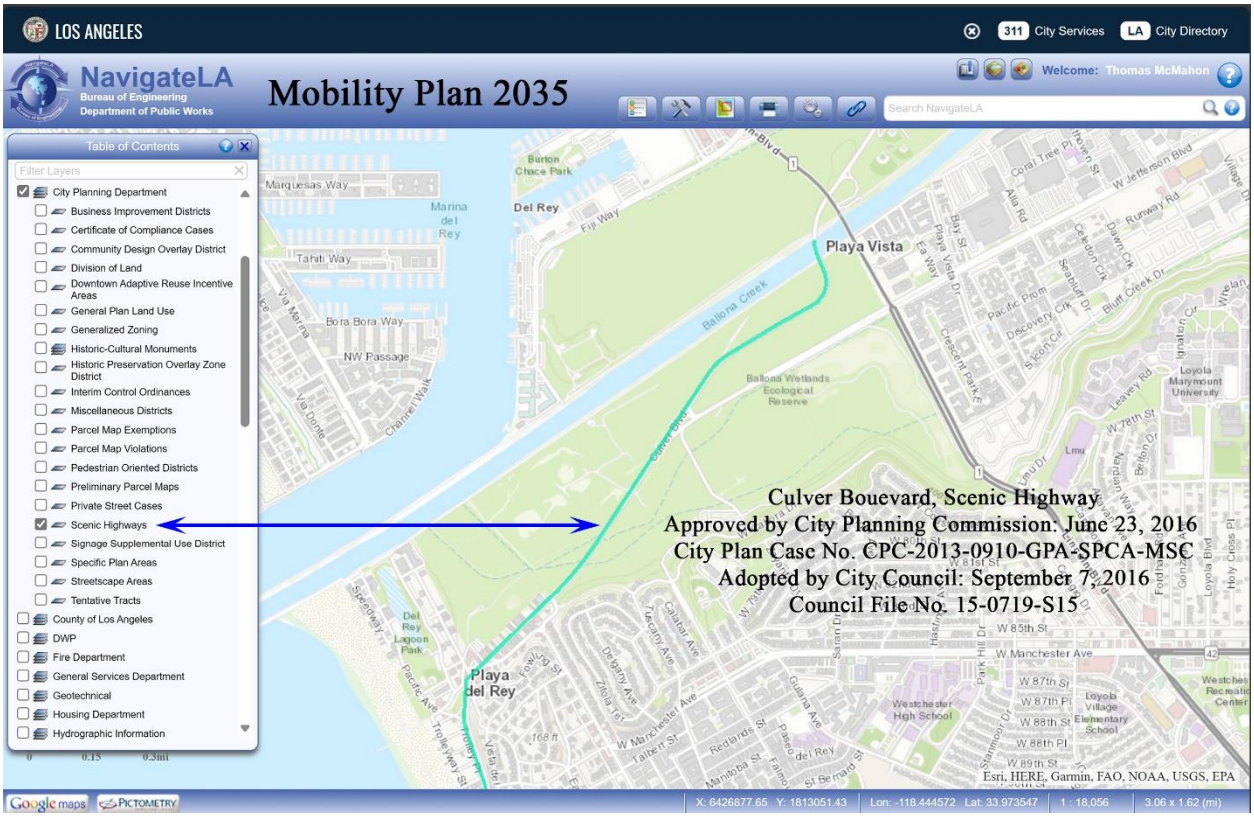
Attn: Ballona Wetlands Restoration Project -

Culver Boulevard, City of Los Angeles Designated Scenic Highway - Ballona Wetlands

The 2020 Final EIR's 2015 Traffic Study [3], [4] predated the advent of "Culver Boulevard, Designated Scenic Highway" [1], [2] bisecting Area B of the Reserve.



Los Angeles Department of City Planning Mobility Plan 2035: An Element of the General Plan. [1]

"Roadways that are designated as Scenic Highways also present distinct factors to consider, such as preserving landscaping treatments, ensuring views, and incorporating appropriately-designed street amenities." "…created in 1963 by the California legislature to preserve and protect scenic highway corridors from changes [i.e., flood berms and fences] that would diminish the aesthetic value of lands adjacent to highways."

Approved by City Planning Commission: June 23, 2016 City Plan Case No. CPC-2013-0910-GPA-SPCA-MSC

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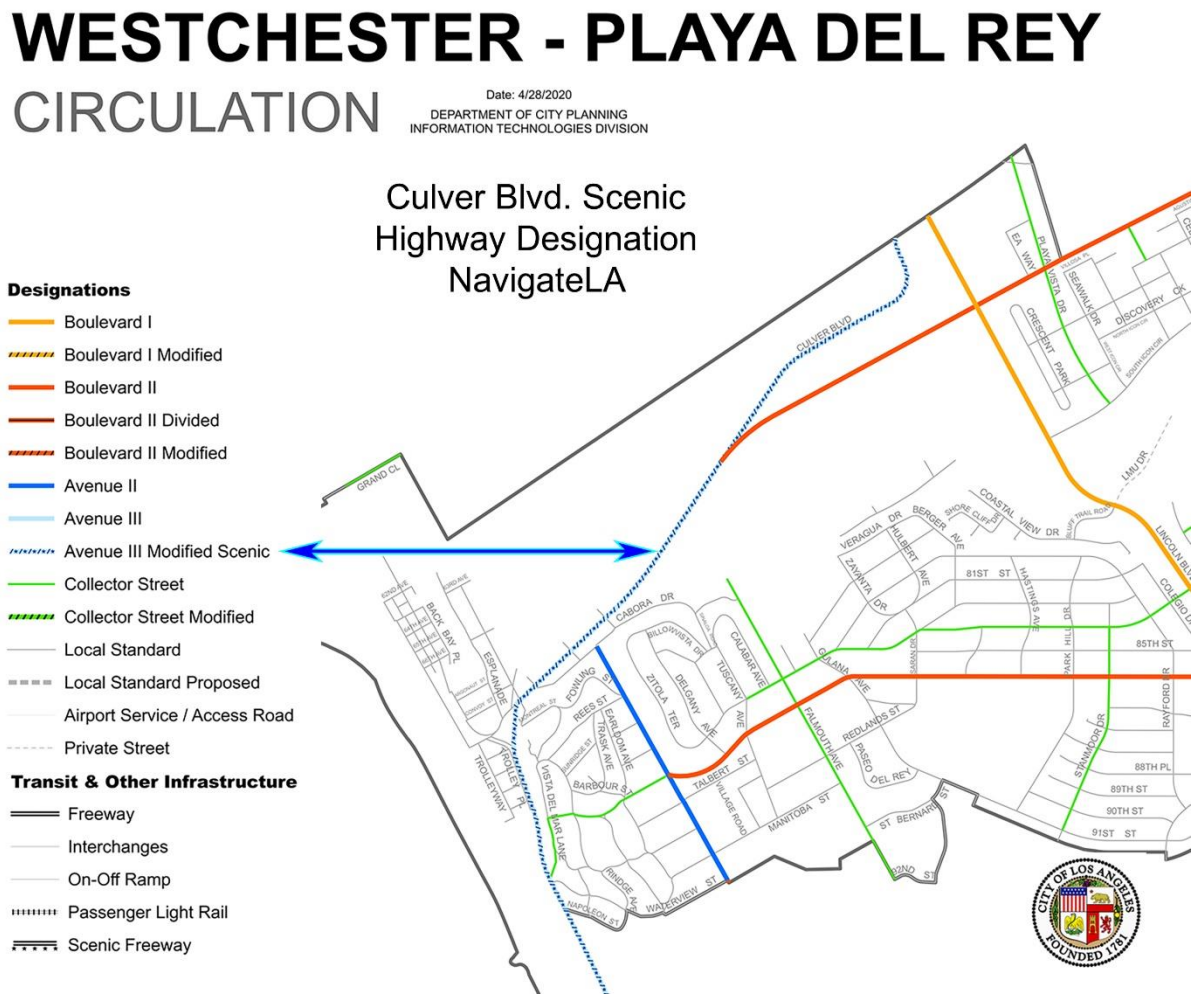
Westchester - Playa del Rey Community Plan (April 28, 2020), a subset of Mobility Plan 2035 [2]:



These documents obviously post-date the now-obsolete “Traffic Study for the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve Restoration Project Environmental Impact Report, September 2015” (Appendix H).

Given that Sequences 1 and 2 specifically involve work in this area, including a fence-topped berm for a segment of Culver Blvd. (Scenic Hwy), the scope and content of the REIR must include the existence of a Scenic Highway, and funding should be postponed until this issue is added.

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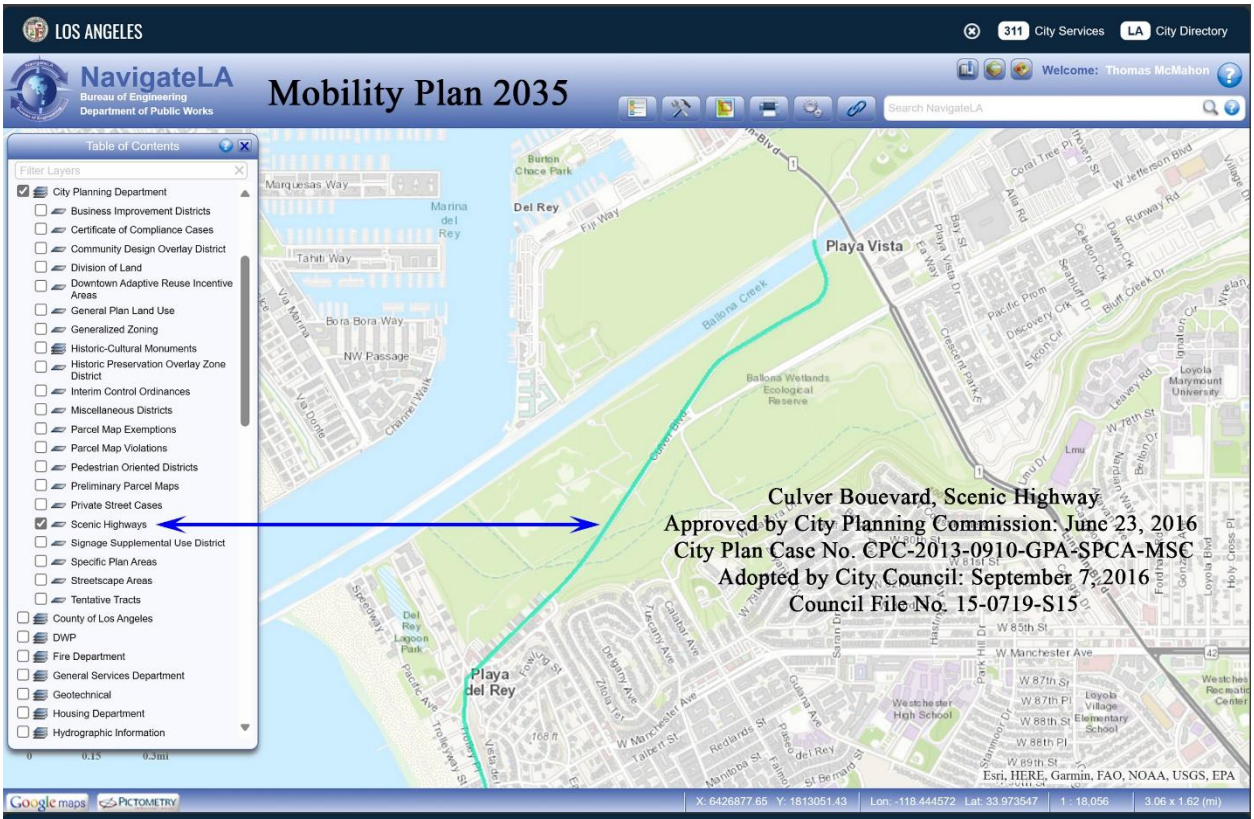

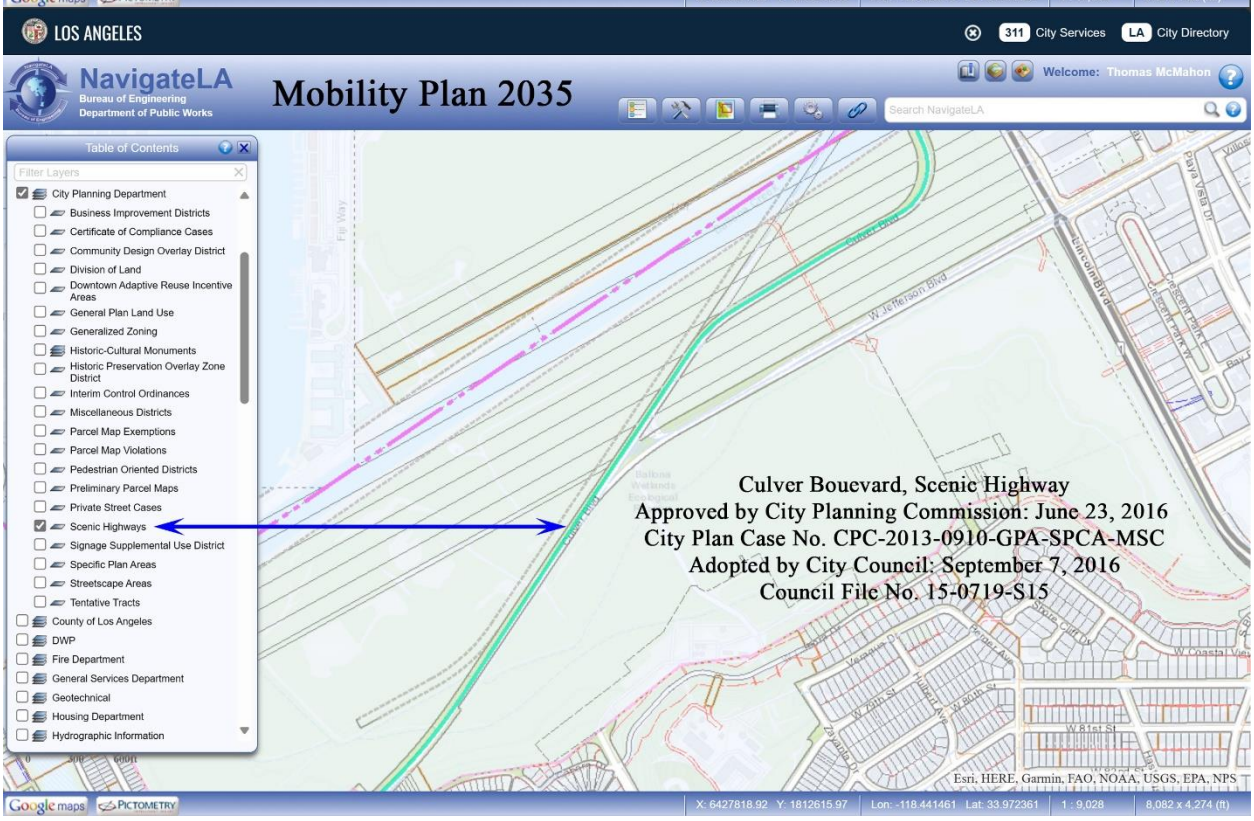

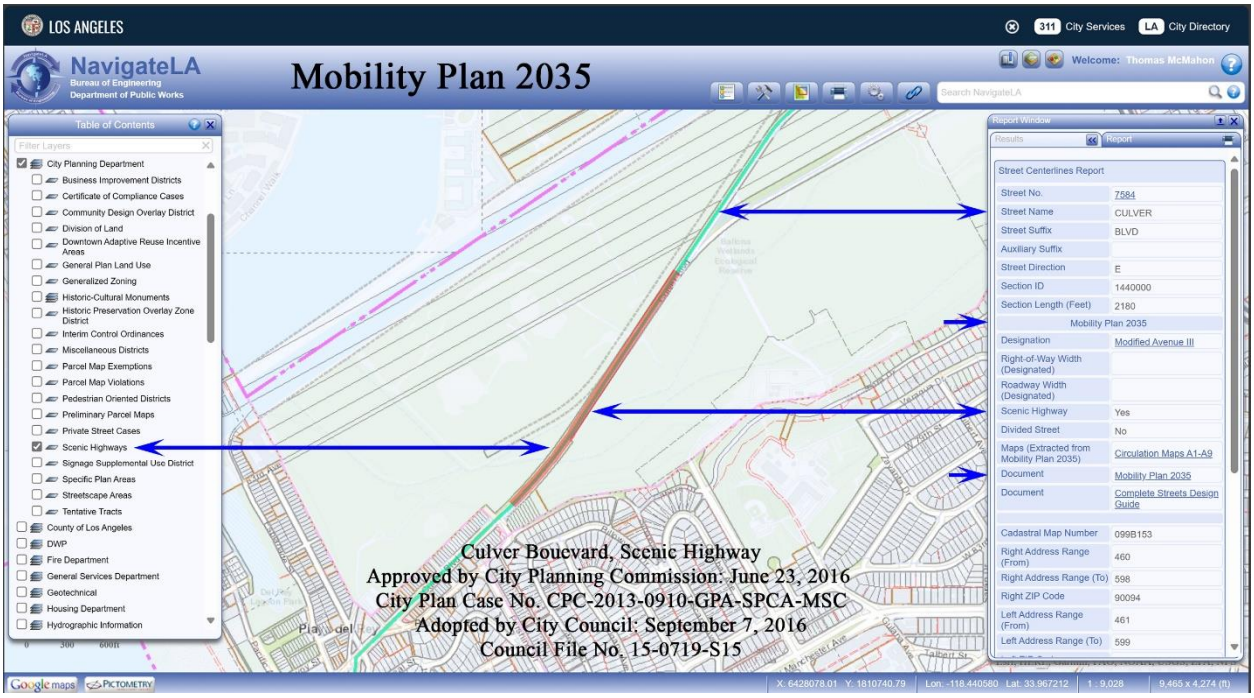

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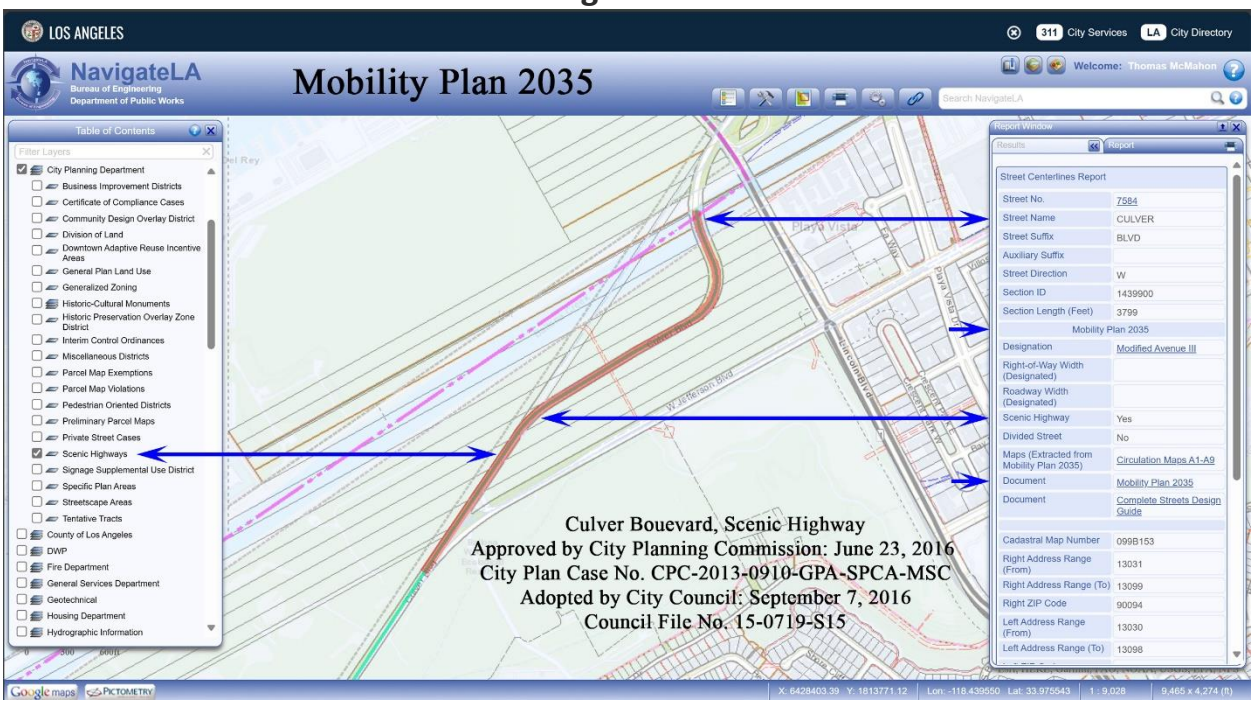

Segment 2

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